



February 4, 2014

Mr. Craig Jones  
Major Facility Siting Program  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality  
PO Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

RE: Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI) Project – NorthWestern Energy Request to Withdraw the MSTI Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA) Permit Application

Dear Mr. Jones:

On January 6, 2014 NorthWestern Energy sent the BLM a letter requesting that they withdraw the MSTI ROW Application Serial Numbers MTM 97296/IDI 35970.

As the BLM and MDEQ were co-lead agencies on the MSTI Project, NorthWestern Energy requests that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) withdraw the MSTI MFSA Permit Application.

Please let me know if you require further information from NorthWestern Energy related to this request. NorthWestern Energy appreciates the cooperation of the MDEQ during this process.

Sincerely,

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